

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 28, 2024

“The Shrine”  
**Saint Odilo Parish**  
 National Shrine of the Poor Souls

St. Odilo Church is the only parish in the United States dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. It was founded and sanctioned as the Shrine of the Poor Souls by His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, in 1928, with a special indulgence of 200 days granted upon each visit to the shrine.

La Parroquia de San Odilo es la única Iglesia en los Estados Unidos consagrada a las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio. Fue fundada y sancionada como el Santuario de las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio por su eminencia, George Cardinal Mundelein, en 1928, con una indulgencia especial de 200 días garantizada después de cada visita al santuario.

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**Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas**

Sunday / Domingo 7AM (Esp.), 8:30AM (Eng.), 10AM (Latin),  
 11:30AM (Eng.) & 1PM (Esp.)

Monday-Friday / Lunes-Viernes 6:30 and 8:10AM (summer hours 8am)

Wednesday / Miércoles 6:30PM Poor Souls Mass and Devotions/  
 Devoción a las Benditas Animas del Purgatorio

Saturday / Sábado 8AM, 4PM (Sunday obligation)

Holy Days / Días Santos 6:30PM (Eng.) (the previous evening/  
 la noche antes) 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 12PM and 6:30PM

**Confession / Confesiones** Sat. 11AM-Noon / Sábado 11AM-Noon

**Rectory Office hours / Horario de Oficina de la Rectoría**

Monday-Friday / Lunes-Viernes 8:00AM-4:00PM

Saturday / Sábado 8AM-1PM

Sunday / Domingo Office Closed / Oficina cerrada

**Baptism:** Parents should be registered parishioners. Call to make appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance with a parish priest. Call the rectory to make an appointment.

**Visits to the Sick:** Please inform the rectory for hospital or homebound visits.

**Bautismo:** Cada Sábado y Domingo. Los padres deben ser feligreses registrados. Llame para hacer una cita con el sacerdote.

**Boda:** Deben hacerse al menos con seis meses de antemano con un Sacerdote de la parroquia. Por favor llame a la rectoría para hacer una cita.

**Visitas a los enfermos:** Por favor informar a la rectoría del hospital o la casa que se va ir a visitar.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

For the sake of clarity, I am publishing the following statements and facts which summarize my statement at last Sunday's Masses regarding the closing of our wonderful parish school.

### **Why do we have to close any schools?**

All four Catholic schools in Cicero and Berwyn have long operated on a razor thin margin, requiring parish subsidies and significant scholarship contributions to stay open. One-half of all students at the four schools are on a TCS scholarship. With the legislature deciding to end the scholarship program, a significant source of financial aid is now gone and the two communities simply will not be able to support four schools any longer. Action is needed now to create two financially sound schools. Failure to act would jeopardize all four schools' ability to remain open.

### **Why were St. Frances of Rome and St. Odilo chosen to be closed while Our Lady of Charity and St. Leonard remain open?**

Our goal is to create a situation where each community has a viable, strong school. In conversations among the four pastors and Archdiocese, Our Lady of Charity and St. Leonard were selected to remain open because they have a larger enrollment and a smaller proportion of their budgets dependent on scholarships. We believe they are better positioned for long-term viability.

### **Facts:**

1. The population of school-aged children is down across the board in our area. There are fewer school-aged children in general at this time.
2. 50% of our students required financial aid, scholarships, subsidies.
3. We have experienced declining enrollment over the past 12-15 years.
4. The Illinois State Legislature has taken away the Tax Credit Scholarship Fund or TCS by letting it sunset last month.
  - a. At St. Odilo and St. Frances of Rome Schools, more than half of the families receive a full or partial scholarship—with a shared total of \$810,000 coming as a result of the tax-credit scholarship program.
5. This school year will continue with full services and programs as usual.
6. The school building will continue to be used for our parish needs:
  - a. Our strong CCD Program with 270 students to date,
  - b. Parish group meetings
  - c. Bible study
  - d. Youth Group
  - e. Parish events and parties
7. The church will remain open.
8. Our parish is not merging or uniting with another parish.
9. St. Odilo Church is operating in the black.
10. We will work to expand our CCD Program to incorporate more students and catechists.

I offer this summary of facts to you for clarity as to the decision that has been made. You have supported our school for many decades and deserve clear information. Please continue to pray for our teachers, support staff members, children and parents as they experience this time of transition.

God be with us all.

*Fr. Bart*

Queridos feligreses y amigos,

Para mayor claridad, publico las siguientes declaraciones y hechos que resumen mi declaración en las misas del domingo pasado sobre el cierre de nuestra maravillosa escuela parroquial.

### **¿Por qué tenemos que cerrar algunas escuelas?**

Las cuatro escuelas católicas en Cicero y Berwyn han operado durante mucho tiempo con un margen muy estrecho, requiriendo subsidios parroquiales e importantes contribuciones de becas para permanecer abiertas. La mitad de todos los estudiantes de las cuatro escuelas reciben una beca de TCS. Con la decisión de la legislatura de poner fin al programa de becas, una importante fuente de ayuda financiera ya no existe y las dos comunidades simplemente ya no podrán mantener a cuatro escuelas. Es necesario actuar ahora para crear dos escuelas financieramente sólidas. No actuar pondría en peligro la capacidad de las cuatro escuelas para permanecer abiertas.

### **¿Por qué se eligió que Santa Francisca de Roma y San Odilo tendrán que cerrar mientras que Nuestra Señora de la Caridad y San Leonardo permanecen abiertas?**

Nuestro objetivo es crear una situación en la que cada comunidad tenga una escuela sólida y viable. En conversaciones entre los cuatro párrocos y la Arquidiócesis, se seleccionó a Nuestra Señora de la Caridad y San Leonardo para permanecer abiertos porque tienen una mayor matrícula y una menor proporción de sus presupuestos dependen de becas. Creemos que están mejor posicionados para la viabilidad a largo plazo.

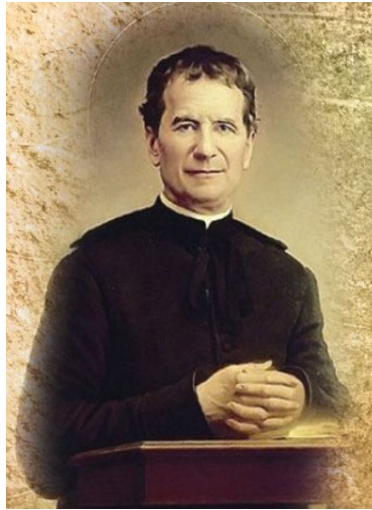
### **Hechos:**

1. La población de niños en edad escolar está disminuyendo de forma generalizada en nuestra zona. En general, en este momento hay menos niños en edad escolar.
2. El 50% de nuestros estudiantes requirieron ayudas económicas, becas y subsidios.
3. Hemos experimentado una disminución de la inscripción en los últimos 12 a 15 años.
4. La Legislatura del Estado de Illinois le quitó el Fondo de Becas de Crédito Fiscal o TCS al dejar que expirara el mes pasado.
  - a. En las escuelas San Odilo y San Francisca de Roma, más de la mitad de las familias reciben una beca total o parcial, con un total compartido de \$810,000 como resultado del programa de becas y de crédito fiscal.
5. Este año escolar continuará con servicios y programas completos como de costumbre.
  - a. El edificio de la escuela seguirá utilizándose para las necesidades de nuestra parroquia:
  - b. Nuestro sólido programa de Catecismo con 270 estudiantes hasta la fecha,
  - c. Reuniones de grupos parroquiales
  - d. Estudio Bíblico
  - e. Grupo de jóvenes
6. Eventos y fiestas parroquiales
7. La iglesia permanecerá abierta.
8. Nuestra parroquia no se fusionará ni unirá con otra parroquia.
9. La Iglesia de San Odilo está funcionando en números negros.
10. Trabajaremos para ampliar nuestro Programa de Catecismo para incorporar más estudiantes y catequistas.

Ofrezco este resumen de hechos para aclarar la decisión que se ha tomado. Usted ha apoyado a nuestra escuela durante muchas décadas y merece información clara. Continúe orando por nuestros maestros, miembros del personal, niños y padres mientras experimentan este momento de transición.

Dios esté con todos nosotros.

*Padre Bart*



### January 31 – Feast of Saint John Bosco

“Don Bosco” was a 19<sup>th</sup> century Italian priest who reached out to young people to remedy their lack of education, opportunities, and faith. John Bosco was born in August of 1815, ordained a priest in 1841, and died on January 31, 1888. He was canonized on Easter Sunday of 1934, and is the patron saint of young people, apprentices, and Catholic publishers and editors.



### February 2 – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

(also known as Candlemas and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

*“God enters the temple not as a powerful ruler but as a little child in his Mother’s arms. The King of glory comes not with a show of human force and power, not with a great fanfare and noise, not causing fright and destruction. He comes into the temple as he came into the world, as an infant in silence, in poverty, and in the company of the poor and the wise.” – Pope John Paul II*

The blessing of candles, which represents the entry of Christ, Who is the Light of the world, into the Temple of Jerusalem will take place during the 8:10 Mass on First Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### February 3 – Feast of Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise is the patron saint of relief from throat ailments and English wool combers. The traditional throat blessing will take place on First Saturday during the 8:00 am Mass.

First Saturday Devotions will immediately follow the Mass.





St. Odilo Parish



# MARDI GRAS

## *Benefit Dinner and Dance*

Saturday, February 10, 2024  
5 pm – 10 pm

St. Odilo School Hall, 6617 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Berwyn

*Enjoy Music, Dinner and Raffles!*

**\*\*Grand Raffle\*\***

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$2,000

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1,000

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$500

**TICKET SALES AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

**ADMISSION:** \$50 per person (Discount for full table of 10 is \$450) / Cash Bar

For more information, contact Dawn Burda at [dburda@archchicago.org](mailto:dburda@archchicago.org) or call (708)484-2161.

Candles (to be blessed on February 2<sup>nd</sup>) are available for purchase in the Gift Shop.

# CANDLEMAS DAY

Small \$25 Pequeñas  
Large \$50 Grande



# DIA DE LA CANDELARIA

Velas (para ser bendecidas el 2 de febrero) están disponibles para su compra en la tienda de regalos.

St. Odilo Parish  
**MARDI GRAS**  
*Benefit Dinner and Dance*  
February 10, 2024

### FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

\$250 \_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_

Family Sponsorships are available at different levels. Please choose the level your family is best able to support. Checks should be made payable to "St. Odilo Parish" and deposited in the collection basket.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your support!*

### Dates – Times – Location

**BIBLE STUDY**  
Beginning February 8  
continuing for 5 consecutive weeks

6:30pm to 8:30pm  
on Thursdays

St.Odilo School  
Room 1

### Cost – Registration

\$30.00 for  
workbook and  
online access for  
one year

### For More Information

Contact  
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**GREATER LOVE**  
A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH  
CHRIST'S PASSION

**Thousands sought Jesus during his life.  
Only a few followed him to Calvary.**

### *What will you do?*

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—and grow closer to Jesus.

**SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS**  
**Familiares y Amigos Enfermos**

**Please remember the sick: / Por favor, recuerden a los enfermos:** Alberto Gonzalez, Corina Rodriguez, Elliot Franche, Barbara Edwards, Theresa Gruber, Ron Lorenz, Tobias Gonzalez, Robert Kusinski, Deacon Robert Boharic, Sr. Johanna Trisoliere, Kathy Martinotti, Nancy Pudil, Rose Sandoval, Noreen McGinley, Delcina Hruska, Patricia Stalzer, Diane Kretz, Richard Burns, Mary Helen Kutz, Therese Mondeika, Tom Wolter, Angie Spleha, Donna Mantucca, Juan Herrera, Raul Alamillo, Jim Beranek, Marco Camacho, Juana Arellano, Jayden Joel Acevedes, Charlie Turek, Jim Jirku Sr., Coloderio Castillo, Jesus Salas, Rev. Sal Hallegado, John Tarullo, Rita Morrissey

**Saint Odilo Parish Youth Group**  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-6:45pm in the Parish Hall**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on 2/4/24 will be for the Church, School, Convent Boiler Maintenance Fund and Building Fund.

La segunda colecta el 2/4/24 será para el Fondo de Mantenimiento de Calderas de la Iglesia, la Escuela, el Convento y el Fondo de Construcción.

**Stewardship - Sunday Collection**  
**Administracion - Colecta Dominicales**

1/14/2024

Collections in Church	\$ 6,778	Colecciones en la Iglesia
Electronic Giving	\$ 795	Donaciones Electrónicas
Total Collections	\$ 7,573	Colecciones Totales
Budget Collection	\$ 9,965	Colecta de Presupuesto
Collection Over or Under Budget	\$ (2,392)	Colección por encima o por debajo del presupuesto

**Stewardship - Sunday Collection**  
**Administracion - Colecta Dominicales**

1/21/2024

Collections in Church	\$8,147	Colecciones en la Iglesia
Electronic Giving	\$140	Donaciones Electrónicas
Total Collections	\$8,287	Colecciones Totales
Budget Collection	\$9,965	Colecta de Presupuesto
Collection Over or Under Budget	-\$1,678	Colección por encima o por debajo del presupuesto

**MASSES OF THE WEEK**  
**Intenciones de la Semana**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29 / Lunes, WEEKDAY**

6:30AM Sean OBrien  
 8:10AM Rosario Garcia

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 / Martes, WEEKDAY**

6:30AM †Soucek Family  
 8:10AM Toler Family

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 / Miércoles, SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST**

6:30AM Emily Taytor  
 8:10AM †Rosario Visinaiz  
 6:30PM Poor Souls Mass & Devotions

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 / Jueves, WEEKDAY**

6:30AM Charles Burda  
 8:10AM †Frank & †Clara Lorenz

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 / Viernes, THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

6:30AM †Rose & †Ed Burda  
 8:10AM †Marie, †Rosalie & †James Valvoda

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 / Sábado, SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR, SAINT ANSGAR, BISHOP**

8:00AM †Maralee Runge  
 †Marcangelo & †Saracco Families  
 Conscratio Mundi & the St. Odilo Family

4:00PM †Al J. Strazzante

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 / Domingo, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:00AM †Andrew Garcia  
 8:30AM †Rudy Rau  
 10:00AM Sara Holt  
 11:30AM †Rita Engerman  
 1:00PM Parishioners of St. Odilo

**SCAN TO DONATE**  
 SCAN the QR code using your phone to donate.



**ESCANEAR PARA DONAR**  
 ESCANEE el código QR usando su teléfono.



**Confessions /Confesiones**  
**11AM - Noon**  
**Saturday / Sábado**

**2023 Contribution Statement / Declaración de Contribución 2023**

If you would like to receive your contribution statement for 2023 please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket and your statement will be mailed to you.

Si desea recibir su declaración de contribución del 2023 por favor llene esta forma y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta y se le enviará automáticamente por correo.

Name/*Nobre* \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/*No. Teléfono* \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope number/*No. de Sobre* \_\_\_\_\_